



NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION
Thursday, December 2, 2021 | 12:00PM
City Commission Chambers
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda & Minutes.....Action Item
3. Public Comment
4. Elections.....Action Item
5. 2022 Meeting Schedule
6. Indigenous Association Report
7. Subcommittee Reports
8. Announcements
9. Staff Report
10. Adjourn – Next Meeting: January 6, 2021

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**BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

Thursday, October 7, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Native American Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the Commission Chambers at City Hall at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, October 7, 2021.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Lenore King, Whitney Fear, Sonya Donahue (via conference call), Emily Sargent (via conference call), Chalsey Snyder, Ashley Littlewolf

Absent: Rebecca Knutson, John Strand, Sharon White Bear

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair King welcomed Members to the meeting and introductions were made.

Willard Yellow Bird Jr. provided a prayer and the Buffalo River Singers performed a prayer song.

Item 2. Approve Order of Agenda & Minutes

Member Snyder moved the Order of Agenda and the minutes of the September 2, 2021 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member Fear. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3: Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Item 4: Honoring of Anna Johnson

Item 5. Induction of New Member Ashley Littlewolf

Willard Yellow Bird, Jr. gave a blessing, prayer, and smudging for former Native American Commission Member Anna Johnson, and new Native American Commissioner Ashley Littlewolf. The Buffalo River Singers performed a prayer song.

Chair King thanked Ms. Johnson for her services and welcomed Member Littlewolf.

Item 6. Truth & Reconciliation Day Update

Member Fear provided an update on the Truth & Reconciliation Day proclamation issued by the City of Fargo for September 30, gave an overview of the day's events, and shared hope for the future to annually recognize.

Item 7. Indigenous Association Report

Brandi King provided an update on upcoming events, including Indigenous Peoples Day on October 11. She noted a schedule of events is on the Indigenous Association website.

Ms. King additionally shared that a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons discussion will be held October 19 at City Hall, and an Indigenous Association Board meeting on October 25 at the Indigenous Association.

Item 8. Subcommittee Report

Member Snyder shared the education subcommittee has been in contact with the school districts and invited Member Littlewolf to join the education subcommittee.

Item 9. Announcements

Member Fear announced Joe Williams as the recipient of the 2021 Gladys Ray award.

Item 10. Staff Report

Lt. Bill Ahlfeldt introduced Sgt. Cristie Jacobsen as the new liaison to the Native American Commission from the Fargo Police Department.

Member Snyder shared that Planning Coordinator Tia Braseth is coordinating the Truth & Reconciliation Shoe Drive for Children and Teens through the end of the month.

Item 11. Adjourn

The time of adjournment was 12:44 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL DEPARTMENTS

FROM: ALBERT GIBSON, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2021

SUBJECT: 2022 NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Listed below are the Native American Commission meeting dates for the calendar year 2022.

2022 Meeting Schedule

Native American Commission Meetings
January 6
February 3
March 3
April 7
May 5
June 2
July 7
August 4
September 1
October 6
November 3
December 1

Native American Commission meetings will be held the
1st Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m. in the
Commission Chambers at City Hall.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fargo Native American Commission
FROM: Catlyn Christie, Assistant Planner
DATE: November 24, 2021
RE: Staff Report

This agenda item is an effort to summarize and memorialize issues, concerns, or staff action related to the work of the Native American Commission since the last meeting. During the meeting, the Chair may open for discussion or questions concerning these items.

1. COVID-19 Vaccinations

Beginning Tuesday, November 23, vaccine for first & second doses, along with booster doses, will be available during walk-in clinics on Tuesdays from noon-4pm and Fridays from 10am-2pm. Vaccine clinics take place at the main FCPH building, located at 1240 25th Street South, Fargo. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for all doses. Walk-ins should plan for an additional 15 minutes to register on-site. Specific clinic information, including links to make an appointment, are available at: www.FargoCassPublicHealth.com/covidvaccine

2. Rental Assistance & Eviction Prevention

Anyone struggling to pay rent is encouraged to call 2-1-1 (FirstLink) to be connected to rental assistance and other eviction prevention programs currently available. They will direct individuals to the best-fit assistance, such as the North Dakota Rent Help program, <https://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/rent-help.html>, or other assistance available through SENDCAA and Presentation Partners in Housing.

The High Plains Fair Housing Center also continues to offer an eviction prevention program to income-qualified residents living in Fargo (as well as Grand Forks and Bismarck). If eligible, potential eviction prevention services offered include referral to and help applying for rental assistance programs and/or connection to a lawyer at no cost for assistance in eviction court. Call the intake line at 701-203-1077 or toll free at 1-866-380-2738.

3. HUD Programs

The City has accepted \$1,697,107 in homeless assistance funds through HUD HOME-ARP and the State will be receiving \$7,768,864. These awards are in addition to the regular annual HOME allocations. A virtual town hall was held October 28 and staff is currently in the process of analyzing needs and preparing plans for both the HOME-ARP and 2022 HUD funds. The 2021 HUD award for CDBG and HOME is now available for activities approved in the 2021 Action Plan. Finally, the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report was submitted to HUD on September 30, 2021. This report covers accomplishments throughout the 2020 program year (May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021).

4. Human Relations Commission Transition

The Fargo Human Relations Commission is currently undergoing a transition under the leadership of Dr. Terry Hogan, the City's DEI Director. This includes refining their focus on civil rights-related education and complaint processing, as well as a proposed name change to Human Rights Commission.

5. Community Development Committee

Last month, the Fargo Community Development Committee meeting featured presentations and discussion on the current state of affairs, resources, and deficiencies related to renters and evictions. Watch the meeting at <https://download.fargond.gov/4/301-1-1.m4v>.

6. Arts for the Holidays – December 11, 2021

Arts for the Holidays will take place on Saturday, December 11 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Civic Center. A wide variety of artists have been juried into the event with a wide range of products that will be available at all price points. Demonstrations will be conducted by various artists.

This event is a partnership between the City of Fargo, The Arts Partnership (TAP), Red River Watercolor Society (RRWS), the Fargo Arts and Culture Commission (FCC) and the Fargo Moorhead Visual Arts (FMVA) organizations as well as local visual artists and other cultural organizations.